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FROM 5- D PRESS OFFICER DEJOIE THRU ESCORT OFFICER SCHRAGER

1. HERE IN POLAND THE NAME FIFTH DIMENSION HAS RAPIDLY BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH GREAT MUSIC AND ENJOYMENT. THE GROUP IS A HIT EVERYWHERE IT GOES. YESTERDAY THEY VISITED THE STODOLA STUDENT CLUB TO MEET THE NOVI SINGERS, ONE OF POLAND'S TOP JAZZ- ROCK GROUPS WHICH SPECIALIZES IN SCAT SINGING. THE NOVI SINGERS DELIGHTED THE FIFTH AND THE STUDENT AUDIENCE WITH A PERFORMANCE OF SOME OF THEIR FAVORITES. THE FIFTH RESPONDED BY TURNING ON THE GATHERING WITH AN UNPLANNED PERFORMANCE OF SOME OF THE NUMBERS FROM THEIR SHOW. ONE YOUNG STUDENT WAS HEARD TO COMMENT THAT THE " DIMENSION FIVE" WAS GREAT AT WHAT THEY DID, BUT COULDN' T IMPROVISE ... IT WASN' T LONG BEFORE HE HAD TO EAT HIS WORDS AND LIKE IT. THE PERFORMANCE SEEMED TO BE ALL OVER, TO THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORIUM FULL OF STUDENTS WHEN, SUDDENLY, THE STAGE WAS FILLED BY THE SINGERS AND MUSICIANS FROM BOTH GROUPS... AND THE AUDIENCE FLIPPED OUT OVER THE IMPROMPTU JAM SESSION. (THE WHOLE THING WENT SO WELL THAT THE GROUP WAS INVITED TO COME BACK LATER

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IN THE EVENING AND DO IT AGAIN).

2. THE EVENING' S CONCERT KEPT UP THE MOMENTUM, WITH THE FIFTH DIMENSION GIVING ONE OF THEIR HARDEST DRIVING AND BEST RECEIVED SHOWS OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN TOUR. THE FIRST HALF HAD THE AUDIENCE SIZZLING AND GRASPING FOR MORE... AND THE UPBEAT SECOND HALF PUSHED THE ALREADY ECHANGED ONLOOKERS PAST THE BOILING POINT. THE FIFTH WAS HIGHLY HONORED DURING INTERMISSION WHEN THE POLISH MINISTER OF CULTURE, STANISLAW WRONSKI, WHO ALSO SITS ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, VISITED THEM IN THEIR DRESSING ROOMS TO WELCOME AND CONGRATULATE THEM, AND TO PERSONALLY THANK THE FIFTH DIMENSION FOR " A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE" AND FOR COMING TO HIS COUNTRY.

3. FRIDAY, THE FIFTH DIMENSION KEPT UP THEIR BUSY PACE, VISITING THE ROYAL PALACE IN WARSAW, WHICH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING RECONSTRUCTED AFTER HAVING BEEN AT LEAST 80 PERCENT DESTROYED DURING WORLD WAR II. THE PERFORMING ARTISTS WERE ENTHRALLED BY THE BEAUTY, HISTORY AND CHARM OF THE PALACE AND WERE FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO TALK WITH THE CHIEF ARCHITECT OF ITS RECONSTRUCTION, DR. STANISLAW LORENTZ. LORENTZ, THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, TOLD HOW, DURING THE WAR, PAINTINGS AND OTHER ARTIFACTS FROM THE MUSEUM HAD BEEN SMUGGLED OUT FROM UNDER THE ENEMY' S NOSE AND SAFEGUARDED UNTIL THEY COULD BE RESTORED TO THE PALACE. HE EXPLAINED HOW THE ROYAL PALACE IS BEING REBUILT AROUND THE ONE AND ONLY PORTION OF THE STRUCTURE THAT REMAINED ABOVE GROUND, AND HOW THE ONLY SALVAGEABLE PIECES OF THE OLD PALACE ARE BEING INCORPORATED IN THE RECONSTRUCTION. LORENTZ CONFIRMED A STORY HEARD BY FIFTH DIMENSION PRESIDENT BILLY DAVIS THAT THE ARCHITECTS HAD TO USE SOME OF THE SAVED PAINTINGS FOR GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT THE PALACE HAS LOOKED LIKE BEFORE ITS DESTRUCTION IN ORDER TO REBUILD IT. HE ADDED THAT THE RECONSTRUCTION IS BEING FINANCED TOTALLY BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE POLISH PEOPLE AND FROM PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.

4. THE FIFTH DIMENSION IS ALSO VISITING THE PALACE OF CULTURE IN WARSAW AND ON SATURDAY MORNING WILL DEPART FOR KATOWICE, POLAND, TO CONTINUE THEIR FOUR- NATION STATE DEPARTMENT CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS PROGRAM TOUR. THE FIFTH DIMENSION HAS ALREADY PERFORMED IN TURKEY AND ROMANIA AND WILL GO TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA FROM POLAND NEXT WEEK.
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